



**City of Santa Barbara  
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FRANKLIN NEIGHBORHOOD  
CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE, LOWER WESTSIDE CENTER  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND WESTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, March 19, 2008**

Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De La Vina St.  
7:00 PM

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The special meeting was called to order by Franklin  
Neighborhood Center Chairperson Ken Rivas at 7:00 PM at the Louise Lowry  
Davis Center., 1232 De La Vina Street, Santa Barbara, CA.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members Present

Westside Center Advisory Committee:

Raquel Vela Mendoza

Carlos Guerrero

Franklin Neighborhood Center Advisory Committee:

Ken Rivas

Sebastian Aldana

Dan LaBerge

Ana Soto

Theresa Peña

Lower Westside Center Advisory Committee:

Josephine Tapia

Staff Present

Sarah Hanna, Recreation Programs Manager

Antonio A. Velasquez, Community Services Supervisor

Ricardo Venegas, Community Services Coordinator II

Jessica Paredes, Community Services Coordinator I

Rick Welch, Building and Safety

Lorraine Cruz Carpenter, Looking Good Santa Barbara

Guest:

Josefa Rios, Health Linkages Program

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** There were no minutes to be approved, it was  
suggested and agreed to bring minutes forward for approval at every quarterly  
meeting.

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Ken announced coverage of the Youth Art Alliance in Casa Magazine. He also shared a letter of appreciation to volunteers.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Adopt-A-Block Program - Lorraine Cruz-Carpenter of Looking Good Santa Barbara introduced their Adopt-A-Block program and encouraged people to join. She also announced the upcoming Clean Up event on April 26<sup>th</sup>. She also provided information and kits for graffiti abatement.
- b. Medical-Cal/ Healthy Families Program – Josefa Rios Carrillo of the Santa Barbara County Education Office, Health Linkages Program, provided information on the Medical/Healthy Families programs, which assists low income families find affordable healthcare for children. She also explained the requirements for enrollment. They currently have a need for outreach about these programs, and they would like to team up with Community Services for outreach opportunities at events such as the Lower Westside Block Party, Dinners at the Westside Center and a Franklin Center Grand Re-Opening.
- c. Combined Advisory Committee Training – Staff informed members that it is in the works for a training session provided by the Non-Profit Support Center, but the high cost of the training may be a deterrent. There will be upcoming information on the source and time of the training.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Health and Safety Improvement Program – Members of the Franklin Center Advisory Committee have conducted an assessment of needs in the Eastside neighborhood and have compiled a discussion document that includes curb cuts and lighting. A suggestion was made by staff that these items be grouped and prioritized in order to receive proper attention by the Neighborhood Improvement Task Force and other City Departments.
- b. CDBG Grant Proposals – Staff reported that there have been some positive reactions to CDBG proposals, and projects such as Ortega Park Welcome House renovation, Railway fencing, and the Loma Alta improvements are being recommended for funding. The proposal for security cameras at the Franklin Center was not recommended for funding.
- c. Youth Art Alliance – This pilot project involving Eastside young adults that began last August has seen great results with various

projects throughout the fall. Artist Carlos Cuellar has proposed two new projects that include a mural project at the Eastside Park. Funding and volunteer support have not been secured and proposals will be submitted to the Fund for Santa Barbara and others.

- d. Salsa Festival 2008 – Staff has reported that the possibility for holding this year's event is in doubt due to lack of funding. More information to come.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:40 PM, there being no further business to come before the committee, the joint Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned by Franklin Advisory Committee Chairperson, Ken Rivas.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Paredes  
Community Services Coordinator I